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SUBJECT: U. S. NEWSMEN VISIT SIAN

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SIAN TRIP MAY 10-13 BY KARNOW, REYNOLDS, NBC, AND SCHECHTER, TIME, AS TOLD TO USLO OFFICERS FOLLOW:
2. LIN PIAO AFFAIR, CITING DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED IN TAIWAN AS ACCURATE VERSIONS OF EXPLANATIONS GIVEN THEM. GUIDES SAY MAJOR PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF LIN PIAO FALL DUE SOON.
3. WALL POSTERS. REPORTERS NOTICED WALL POSTERS UP IN QUANTITY AT SIAN COMMUNICATIONS UNIVERSITY, BUT FORBIDDEN TO LOOK AT OR PHOTOGRAPH THEM. GUIDES SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS GOOD BUT " LEVEL OF CRITICISM HIGH"
4. DROUGHT. COUNTRY SIDE ALONG RAIL ROUTE IN HOPEH, SHANSI AND SHENSI VERY DRY. RIVERS ALL LOWER THAN NORMAL REPORTERS TOLD.

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5. COMMENT. DROUGHT OBSERVATION IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL WHICH SUGGEST NORTH CHINA IN FOR SECOND DRY YEAR IN A ROW. BRITISH AND CANADIANS REPORT MFA COUNTER PARTS OPENLY CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF RAIN FALL ALL THE WAY YANGTZE RIVER. USLO OFFICERS HAVE OBSERVED THAT MING TOMBS RESERVOIR NEARLY EMPTY, WITH CROPS CULTIVATED ON LONG STRETCHES OF LAKE BOTTOM. ON VISIT TO HSINKANG USLO OFFICERS NOTED CROP WATERING SEEMED ONLY BARELY ADEQUATE ALTHOUGH ROAD FOLLOWS MAJOR CANAL. JENKINS

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